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<b>Advisory Action</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	08/930,449	ABE ET AL.	
	Examiner Steven H. Rao	Art Unit 2814	
<i>--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--</i>			
<p>THE REPLY FILED 10 October 2000 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.</p>			
<u>PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]</u>			
<p>a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The period for reply expires <u>3</u> months from the mailing date of the final rejection.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> In view of the early submission of the proposed reply (within two months as set forth in MPEP § 707.07 (f)), the period for reply expires on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, OR continues to run from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.</p>			
<p>Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).</p>			
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> A Notice of Appeal was filed on <u>10 October 2000</u>. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed amendment(s) will be entered upon the timely submission of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief with requisite fees.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:</p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (see NOTE below);</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> they raise the issue of new matter. (see Note below);</p> <p>(c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or</p> <p>(d) <input type="checkbox"/> they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.</p>			
<p>NOTE: _____</p>			
<p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.</p>			
<p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).</p>			
<p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The a)<input type="checkbox"/> affidavit, b)<input type="checkbox"/> exhibit, or c)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u>.</p>			
<p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.</p>			
<p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):</p>			
<p>Claim(s) allowed: _____.</p>			
<p>Claim(s) objected to: _____.</p>			
<p>Claim(s) rejected: <u>1,2,4-18,20-23,25-28,30-33,35-38,40-43,46-49 and 56-63</u>.</p>			
<p>Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.</p>			
<p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ a)<input type="checkbox"/> has b)<input type="checkbox"/> has not been approved by the Examiner.</p>			
<p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.</p>			
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.</p>			

Continuation of 6. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The applicant presents the same arguments stated in the Amendment of entered February 08, 2000 and the arguments were dealt with in Final rejection mailed Feb. 04, 2000. Further more Applicants in para 3 page 10 state the Office Action rejects claims 50-55. However the final rejection in question does not reject claims 50-55. Therefore the Examiner does not understand Applicants' contention. The present record is explicitly clear that claims 50-~~55~~ 55 are withdrawn and were not rejected in the Final rejection mailed February 08, 2000.

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